
Ellel Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 9th October at Galgate Recreation Rooms

Present: Cllr Booth, Cllr Collinson, Cllr S. Corkerry, Cllr L. Corkerry (in the chair), Cllr Hoggarth, Cllr Mather and Cllr Pollitt

Steve Caswell - clerk.

2 members of the public.

Open forum

Issues raised during the open forum:

Representatives from the Dolphinholme Neighbourhood Development Plan outlined the current situation with their plan and explained that they were hoping to complete the plan early next year.

121/23 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Charlesworth and Cllr Hopkins

122/23 Declaration of interests.

Cllr Booth declared an interest in any item regarding the village hall as a VH trustee.

Cllr S Corkerry and Cllr L Corkerry declared an interest in any item regarding the Galgate Action Flood Group as members.

Cllr L Corkerry declared an interest in any item concerning the Warm Spaces Group.

123/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th July 2023

Cllr S Corkerry advised that he had declared an interest at the meeting as a member of St John's Church and did not take part in the voting on that item. It was resolved that the minutes once amended be approved and signed by the chair.

Proposed by Cllr S Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Booth

124/23 Members Reports

Cllr S Corkerry reported on recent damage at Vernon Park and explained that both himself, and Lancaster City Council, are still pursuing the issue.

125/23 To consider matters of planning and development control.

The Parish Council considered the applications before them but made no comments.

126/23 To consider payments for authorisation.

Payments for authorisation:

M6 Media Ltd - monthly hosting fee	£ 46.80
NFU Mutual - Insurance	£ 95.10
Clerk's Salary	£ 1210.60

Lengthsman Costs for October 2023	£ 430.00
Electric Tests and Certificates	£ 1334.20
Water Plus – Water invoice	£ 109.26

Authority to make the payments was granted.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Booth

127/23 Dolphinholme Playground Plan

The new parts for the play equipment have been ordered, including a new swing and chains with a delivery time of four to six weeks.

Cllr Mather explained that the playground committee had spoken to a representative of the Lancaster Duchy and their proposals had been received favourably. A report would be brought to council once the reply from the duchy had been received.

It was proposed and agreed that a small box be purchased to allow for the removal and safe storage of the tennis nets whilst not in use, to allow the site to be used for further activities.

Proposed by Cllr Collinson

Seconded by Cllr Mather

128/23 Galgate Recreation Fields Plan.

Cllr L Corkerry explained that the Recreation Fields Committee had met and considered a number of options for the site. In particular works to the interior of the Recreations Rooms, temporary works to the playground, planting to the council owned planters and signage throughout the site. Further long term plans for the site were also discussed.

Costs would be sought for the internal works to the Recreation Rooms and the necessary works to the playground.

129/23 To receive an update on the Galgate Recreation Fields Barrier

It was agreed that, as a matter of urgency, the barrier to the Recreation Fields be replaced with a new one and that a removable bollard be incorporated into the design.

Proposed by Cllr L Corkerry

Seconded by Cllr Collinson

130/23 Galgate Football Club Lease.

The council discussed the lease and agreed to set the annual rent at a proportion of the figures used to estimate the annual costs of running the whole site.

The council also considered the issue of subletting and agreed that the principal of the area being used for football, and associated training, would be the more important issue.

Proposed by Cllr Mather

Seconded by Cllr L Corkerry

131/23 Ellel Neighbourhood Development Plan.

It was agreed that plan be promoted and that members of the community be sought to create a Steering Group to begin the process of creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

132/23 Reports, Correspondence and Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported on:

- LALC AGM and Parish and Town Council Conference Motions for submission – Cllr L Corkerry would consider a motion from Ellel PC
- Polling District Review – Lancaster City Council are currently carrying out the review and their considerations are available on line.
- Carnforth and Galgate Air Quality Management Area Revocation – Lancaster City Council are offering to hold a briefing regarding this.

The Clerk reported the Police Crime Statistics for August 2023

Antisocial behavior – 9 incidents

Other theft – 4 incidents

Drugs – 1 incident

Criminal Damage & Arson – 2 Incidents

Bicycle Theft – 1 Incident

Burglary – 1 Incident

Violence / Sexual Offences – 13 incidents

133/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Galgate Recreation Rooms at 7pm on Monday 13th November 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed..... Date.....